



Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1879.

The Spireville News, Kansas, seems to take it to heart considerably because Kansas does not prove to be the "best land in the world," and it mourns to think that the lands in Alpena county that were once thought to be of little or no value, are now turning out to be first class agricultural lands. Alpena county, although in its infancy, and but very sparsely settled, will this year turn out at least calculation 30,000 bushels of wheat, while some estimate it at 40,000, which is a yield of only 20 bushels to the acre; and this yield can be depended on every year, while in Kansas, with such occurrences as this year, there is nothing certain about crops. Think of it—no rain for eight months, wheat two bushels to the acre, potatoes and corn a failure. We do not wonder that the News feels a little uneasy, when it knows that the crops never fail in Michigan, and statistics show that this State is the best for agricultural pursuits of any in the union, and northern Michigan is the best portion of the State. It is not necessary that a man should see Kansas, the doleful wails that come from that country is sufficient to satisfy any one.

The Bank Block.

Maltz's block, which is nearly completed, is beyond doubt the finest and largest brick block in Alpena, and will compare favorably as regards appearance, with the brick blocks of any city. It has a frontage on Second street of 140 feet; on Water street 132 feet, and on River street 85 feet. The building is two stories in height, the center part, fronting on Second street, towering several feet above the wings.

The wing fronting on Water street, was built in 1876. The exchange bank of Geo. L. Maltz occupies the corner room of this wing and fronts on Second street. Adjoining the bank is the store of S. A. Warner, which has an entrance on Water street as well as on Second street. The windows of the bank and of the store, facing Second street, are of plate glass—one plate forming a window. The remaining stores of this wing front on Water street. The double one is occupied by the postoffice department and by H. H. Wittlehofer as a stationery store. The next is to be occupied by J. Levyn, the cigar maker. In the second story of this wing is the armory of the Alpena Guards, and the office of Dr. McSweeney, insurance; boom company's office; Butterfield & Crable's office, and the land office of C. A. Jeyte. The roof of this wing consists of sheet iron.

The center part and the left wing are not yet completely finished. All the brick work is done, and the gravel roof has been put on the wing. The part just built comprises five stores, three being in the main building and two in the wing. The stores in the wing have been floored and plastered, but the windows and doors have yet to be put in, as well as shop fixtures. Over the stores in the wing there are being fitted up a number of commodious offices, one of which has been rented by Dr. Winchester, dentist.

The entire upper story of the main part is to be used as an opera house, which promises to be a credit to the city. We will speak more particularly of the opera house when it is finished. The roof of the main part will be covered with tin, and will be completed this week.

The stores are 85 feet long, 23 feet wide and 14 feet high. The cornices and window caps are in imitation of marble, and gives the building a magnificent appearance.

The brick work on the center and left wing was done under the direction of Wm. H. Phelps, which is a sufficient recommendation that the work has been done in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and not to be excelled. The wood work is being done under the supervision of Samuel Boggs, who is too well known in this vicinity as a master builder to need a recommendation at our hands.

The two stores at the southern end of the block, on Second street, will be occupied by Tompkins & Folkerts, one as a dry goods house, and the other as a grocery. The next room will be filled with a stock of boots and shoes by Aiken & Co., while the center room on Second street is rented to Z. M.

Knight, who will put therein a stock of clothing and his merchant tailoring establishment, and the other store, next to that now occupied by S. A. L. Warner, will be taken by B. Wolff, the clothier.

As Seen by Others.

A special correspondent, writing to the East Saginaw Courier, speaks as follows regarding this city:

The new brick block erected by Bewick, Comstock & Co. on the west side of Second street, near the bridge, will be entirely completed in less than a fortnight, the French plate glass for the front being now on route, and all else on the spot. The brick work, wood work and plastering is nearly done. Finer walls inside and out never graced any edifice in Northern Michigan. More thorough care as to permanence, solidity, convenience, comfort, ventilation, light and purification never marked the progress of any business building anywhere than has characterized the construction of this, and as a Saginaw master builder is to blame for all this, a brief detail of the structure is in order. The block is 66x80 feet in extent, facing Second street, basement under all in three divisions, seven feet in the clear, with brick floor; furnace for heating every part located in centre division; water pipes, gas pipes and sewer pipes leading to every part; ventilators in each section of basement and in every room above. Second floor 14 feet in the clear, plate glass front, divisions two stores on south end each 21x80 feet, walls smooth as polished glass with ornamental centre pieces; north end banking office in front 14x33 with vault in the rear of solid masonry from foundation to key stone; back of this a room 21x40 feet, to be used with cellar below and rooms above for business purposes of B. C. & Co. South of the banking office is a broad easy stairway leading from the front to the second story, which is eleven feet clear. The rooms on this floor are wainscoted throughout, each floor supplied with ample closets for all purposes, the wood work of Norway oiled and polished. Aside from the rooms occupied by Bewick, Comstock & Co. for office and mercantile uses, there are five apartments on the second floor suitable for office or light manufactures, and all are admirably arranged and fitted out. The banking office on the first floor is elaborately finished with bracket cornice and ornate centre pieces, and when complete with appropriate furniture of native wood peculiar to this locality will be one of the most elegant banking houses in the State. Anspach & Co. will occupy two stores with one room for carpets on the second floor. B. C. & Co. will occupy the entire north end and the other apartments are mostly engaged to be occupied as soon as complete. Charles Cornell of Alpena, is the designer, John Tucker of East Saginaw, the master builder, and to his practical knowledge as a builder, his thorough understanding of all needs as to heating, ventilation, sewerage, light, strength and comeliness about a building, are the progenitors indebted for the excellence and complete completeness of their admirable block.

Over 6,000,000 feet of lumber will be shipped from this port this week. The general trade is good and the feeling among the merchants and business men is better than it has been for many years. The estimated cut of lumber for 1879 is 100,000,000 feet and it is thought about 30,000,000 feet of logs will be carried over. The ruling prices for lumber have stiffened a little but not materially changed, and there has here as elsewhere been a marked advancement in freights. Though there have been no disastrous storms, the clerk of the weather has been raising "red" of late, and at times the rain has poured down at a rate which gives promise of a righteous rise in the streams above, and there is hopeful talk of additional log moving if this demonstrative dampness continues. It is evidently not so dry here as in Saginaw, and having seen the choice of potatoes brought twenty miles overland to market and sold out of wagon for fifty cents per bushel, I am certain there is less danger of a famine than a flood.

The new timber mill which John Van Patton of East Saginaw is building for George Prentiss of this city will be completed about the middle of next month and will, it is expected, cut 2,000,000 feet of lumber this season. Five two-hue boilers eighteen feet long and forty-four inch shell will furnish the steam, one high pressure engine 22x42 inches the motive power;

one and perhaps two large circulars will do some of the cutting whereby it is proposed to turn out timber up to 80 feet in length, and the singular part is a circular gang of twenty-two 36-inch saws to make 900 turns a minutes and cut a 12-inch cant, which some say it can't cut and some say it can, all which makes but little difference either you-or I if the court knows herself, and she thinks she do.

The machinery for the water works is in position, has been tried and found adequate with ease to a 120 pounds fire pressure and to the customary water pressure for general supply without a ripple. Not a pipe was rent nor a joint was stirred on the first test; all the pipes on the north side of the river are laid, a mile and a half more on the south side will complete the eleven and a half miles "nominated in the bond." All this will be accomplished inside the next thirty days, and then stand by for the grand triumphant spirit of the pioneer water work of "the shore."

The projectors, proprietors, superintendent and superintendents are all justly elated at the prospect for the success of their enterprise, owners of the buildings and perishable property, feel that far greater safety in the management of business affairs is at hand, the chronic doubter begins to feel confident, the hopeful "chucked" and that was

HAPPINESS.

Third Regiment.

Camp Williams, August 27th, 1879.—Monday opened cold and disagreeable with a strong wind blowing from the lake, and the dust, the all prevailing dust, dying in dense clouds. Still it was the eventful day for the regiment, and every company seemed to fully realize the importance of the occasion.

The detail for the day were as follows: Officer of the day, Captain R. M. Donnelly, company H; senior officer of the guard, Lieutenant H. M. Sperry, company C; junior officer of the guard, Lieutenant G. C. Meisel, company F. Battalion drill took place Monday morning, commanded by Major Pettit, Colonel Lockhead superintending the target shooting. Quartermaster Davis acting as Lieutenant-Colonel, and Captain Ward of company G acted as adjutant.

The review by the Governor and staff took place at 2 o'clock, and the battalion was put through many maneuvers doing much credit to the service, and receiving the hearty applause of the command-in-chief, who also inspected the camp and quarters. Governor Crosswell had a pleasant word for all the boys and his genial manner won for him many friends in the command.

The following orders were published: Camp Williams will be broken up to-morrow at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Transportation to the respective stations will be furnished by the quartermaster. Comrades, at this our last assembly before breaking camp, your commanding officers wish to congratulate you upon the evident improvement in discipline and drill which our brief encampment has effected. They only regret that the time is so short. They hope to meet you all at the next encampment and wish you all prosperity and success in military as well as other matters.

By order of the colonel commanding.

C. S. Brown, Adjutant.

The Commander-in-chief takes great pleasure in meeting the Third regiment in their annual encampment, and congratulates them on the successful accomplishment of the objects desired.

He notices a high order of military discipline in the regiment, while the soldier like bearing, manly deportment and orderly conduct of the command receives his highest commendations.

He recognizes the faithful performance by both officers and men of all the duties imposed and ascribes to them the highest standard of military proficiency as citizen soldiers.

He notices an increased improvement in rifle practice, which is most satisfactory.

He thanks the regiment for prompt obedience to his orders.

By order of the commander-in-chief.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Adjutant-General.

The following is the complete score of the rifle teams of the regiment as finished at the range Saturday, out of a possible 25 individually, or a total of 200:

Company A, Detroit Light Guard.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
J. N. Glover.....	17	12	29
Charles Haffner.....	2	10	12
J. A. Suckert.....	30	19	49
Alfred Howard.....	18	19	37
W. A. Walcott.....	15	9	24
Total.....	72	59	131

Company B, Detroit Light Guard.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
B. Goode.....	18	8	26
Chas. McCarthy.....	12	5	17
Timothy Crockett.....	9	5	14
Chas. Thorling.....	14	8	22
Frederick Thiering.....	8	2	10
Total.....	61	28	89

Company C, Flint Union Block.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
F. E. Willett.....	19	21	40
G. W. Childs.....	19	19	38
H. M. Smith.....	17	17	34
J. L. Willett.....	17	8	25
H. Henderson.....	19	6	25
Total.....	92	70	162

Company D, Bay City Fusiliers.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
T. E. Webster.....	20	17	37
R. S. Pratt.....	18	15	33
E. B. DeLeon.....	18	15	33
J. J. McKean.....	17	12	29
H. P. Wardfield.....	17	10	27
Total.....	91	82	173

Company E, East Saginaw Rifles.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
H. M. Hill.....	14	8	22
O. Woodruff.....	17	17	34
A. Warner.....	19	17	36
W. R. Marshall.....	16	8	24
J. Hamelman.....	16	8	24
Total.....	79	50	129

Company F, Port Huron Guards.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
C. Kinney.....	19	15	34
Thos. Hutchinson.....	18	15	33
J. B. Walker.....	20	10	30
W. J. Rowe.....	18	16	34
Total.....	65	56	121

Company G, Marquette Chasseurs.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
D. Browlett.....	14	15	29
R. Keenan.....	11	11	22
D. Hagan.....	14	0	14
A. J. Laby.....	15	11	26
E. Fosse.....	15	11	26
Total.....	69	47	116

Company H, Alpena Guards.			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
L. R. Howard.....	19	17	36
J. Bennett.....	17	14	31
T. Atkins.....	17	14	31
T. Oliver.....	18	12	30
Joseph Kurta.....	18	7	25
Total.....	81	62	143

It will be seen that the Port Huron Guards carried off the contest for the Roehm & Wright prize, making a total score of 176, which is true but needs explanation. It seems that as company D had nearly finished shooting and while McEwan was getting his position and before he had pointed his gun at the target at all, the gun was accidentally discharged in the air; he called for a judgement by the officer having the match in charge who told him if no one offered any objection he might shoot again; no one made any protest or objection and he shot and made a score of three, making company D's score 176. After some difficulty, it has been decided that the Bay City and Port Huron companies shall shoot off the tie at Flint.

The encampment has been a success as far as it has gone, intending to bring about an acquaintanceship and good feeling between the different companies, and to awaken a generous rivalry among them. It has also, though clearly too short in its duration to accomplish much in the way of producing finished excellence in the school of the battalion, given much practical instruction in that direction, and has done more to place the regiment in shape for work in case a necessity should arise for its services, than months of mere study of the tactics and regulations could have done. Two weeks would be none too short a time for an encampment to last, but "half a loaf is better than no bread," and the citizens of Michigan have cause to be grateful for the increasing favor with which the State troops are regarded by the legislature and the resulting encouragement which they are receiving.

The conduct of the men, as a rule, has been excellent, and while there have been some instances of breaches of discipline, drunkenness and unsoldierly conduct, these have been less numerous than ever before known at a regimental encampment in this State. They have not been the rule, have been frowned upon by the great majority of the men in every company, and the blame should rest upon the culprits as individuals and not upon the organizations which are so unfortunate as to have them upon their rolls.

The boys broke camp Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock and company D and company H of Alpena arrived in this (Bay) city at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. They were met at the depot by the K. T. band who with company D escorted company H to the Dove.

The following is the score made by the Second regiment:

Company A.....			
Yards.	Yards.	Yards.	Total.
".....	91	85	176
".....	89	79	168
".....	86	79	165
".....	86	79	165
".....	87	107	194
".....	109	62	171
".....	72	73	145
".....	73	81	154
Total points by Second regiment.....	1,049		
Total points by Third regiment.....	1,118		

The highest score made by a company of the First regiment, was by the Ann Arbor company, which scored 156 points. The Roehm & Wright's badge will therefore be held by the Third regiment for the ensuing year.

The Adrian team only scored ten—all made by one man.

Notice to Order Holders.

All persons holding orders against the township of Omicron, Alpena county, Mich., are hereby notified to file with the clerk of said township before the first day of October next, a written statement of the date, amount, and kind of order (whether highway or town) which they hold against said town, if they desire the amount of their orders assessed on the tax roll of this year. The records do not show what orders are still outstanding and unrecorded. The Town Board must have the above information to enable them to make the annual levy of taxes for township purposes for this year.

By order of the Township Board.

W. H. SAWYER, Supervisor.

Dated Omicron, Aug. 26, 1879.

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